

Official Procedures for the BGLM Mammoth Fundraiser 2025

The Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, March 1 (preview Noon – 1 p.m., auction 1 – 4 p.m.) and Sunday, March 2, 2025 (Vendors 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland, California. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the BGLM.

This is the official appeal for materials for the auction of quality bonsai on Saturday, and for the sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai and related items on Sunday. Items may be 100% donated or submitted on consignment.

Auction Items: High value bonsai, pots or stands for the auction will need to be submitted no later than January 11, 2025. Consigned items will have a charge of 30% of the sale price. Full donations are appreciated and tax deductible. If you wish to place a reserve price on your item in the auction, you will be charged a restocking fee of 15% of that reserve if the item does not sell. To donate or consign items for the auction, or for more information, contact George Haas, 707-762-9154, gwhaas@comcast.net.

Sale Items: Any bonsai related items are suitable for the sale, such as pre-bonsai, bonsai, tools, pots, books, etc. Consignment items will have a charge 25% of sale price charge. Full donations are appreciated and tax deductible. Material for the Sunday sale will be accepted at the Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, March 1, from 9am – 4pm (preferred date and time) and Sunday, March 2, between 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. To donate or consign items for the sale, or for more information, contact Mike Mello, 510-886-1568, bonsai1947@att.net.

AUCTION BIDDER PROCEDURES

Bidding in the auction will require that upon arrival on Saturday, you register and purchase a catalog for \$5, which includes your Bidders Card that you will need to make bids and record your purchases. The catalog illustrates the items that will be auctioned, including a description of the physical characteristics of all material.

All auction material will be available for public viewing at 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, one hour before bidding starts at 1:00 p.m. Each auction item has its own Auction Item Card displayed. The Auction Item Card will have the catalog number of the item, description,

and indicate whether or not it has a reserve price (the reserve price amount will not be shown).

During the auction, a successful bidder will receive an auction item number sticker on his/her Bidder's Card by an auction official for each item purchased. Each bidder is encouraged to record on their Bidder's Card the purchase amount and item number.

The auctioneer will determine the opening bid. Raises above the opening bid will be in approximately 10% increments. For instance, an item with a minimum bid of \$250 will be raised in increments of \$25. If the reserve price for the item is not reached the item will be removed from the auction.

An auction official will record the winning bidder number and purchase price on the Auction Item Card, which will be brought by an auction official directly to the cashiers. After check out and payment the Auction Item Cards will be retained by BGLM for its records. If any dispute arises during the auction, it shall be reviewed by the auction chairs and their resolution will be final.

A bidder may exit the auction at any time when his/her bidding is complete. Bring your Bidder's Card to the cashier. The cashier will have the Auction Item Card(s) for each item you have purchased. This can be cross-checked with your record of purchased items on your Bidder's Card. You may pay by credit card, check or cash. Paid for item(s) may be removed from the display tables by a staff member when the purchaser is ready to leave the auction room and has his/her receipt stamped "PAID". For purposes of security, this stamped paid receipt will be checked at the exit door.

PROCEDURES FOR PRE-REGISTERING ITEMS FOR AUCTION

Contact George Haas (707-762-9154 or gwhaas@comcast.net) to offer all items for Auction. You are encouraged to submit your bonsai for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction as soon as possible. The deadline is January 11,-2025. Items will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. Auction items are limited to approximately 100 items.

After you have talked to George Haas, please deliver all materials for the auction to the BGLM Workshop no later than 10:00 a.m., January 11, 2025. This will allow photography of item and printing of the auction catalog. In addition, your item will be published and advertised online for potential bidders to view. Any item received after this date may be accepted, but will not receive the advertisement in the catalog and online.

*Due to limited volunteer time, **PLEASE GROOM YOUR BONSAI AS YOU WOULD FOR A SHOW.***

Complete the Auction Form and submit it with your auction items. Do NOT write in gray shaded columns.

Auction Form can be obtained, in person at the BGLM and through George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net.

For each item on the Auction Form, complete the Description, Reserve Price (if applicable) and mark **X** either the 100% DONATION column or the 30% DONATION column. Each item will be given an ID Number upon receipt of the material. This form will serve as the record of your submissions and final sales amount.

Please provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Checks will be mailed as soon as possible after the auction.

SUNDAY SALE PROCEDURES

For your sale items, fill out a Sale Form, and price tags for each item, and bring it to the sale. Please complete the form and price tags by printing legibly and using a ballpoint pen. We will have extra price tags and forms at the drop off location, but we strongly encourage you to fill these out ahead of time. You are responsible for pricing your items. Please set prices only in dollar amounts (no cents). You may change prices during the sale, but remember to update your price on the price tag and on your Sale Form, which will be at the cashiers' table.

After completing the Sale Form and properly tagging your items, they can be delivered to the Lake Merritt Garden Center, Ebell Room, (Note: NOT the BGLM) on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (strongly preferred) and Sunday, March 2, 2025, between 8 and 9 a.m. Items will not be accepted beyond these times. Your items, price tags and sale forms will be examined at this time for completeness. The Chair reserves the right to reject any item that may be infested or not healthy.

Anyone wishing to pre-register bonsai material earlier than Saturday will need to make arrangements as to storage ability by contacting Chairperson: Mike Mello 510-886-1568.

If consigning your item(s), 25% charge is the required donation to the BGLM. However, you may choose to donate your items 100%. Your donation of the entire amount of the sale would be greatly appreciated and your sale form will be mailed back to you for your

tax purposes. For consignment items, your sale form will be updated at the conclusion of the sale to show your total sales, net proceeds and donation amount. Forms will be mailed back to you with your check.

Please provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Checks will be mailed as soon as possible after the sale, generally within 2 weeks.

Sale form and price tags can be obtained at the BGLM, or tags can also be purchased from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Garment-Perforated-Tear-Off-Receipt-String/dp/B07N14CXKF>.

Please fill in the price tag as shown below. The top and bottom parts should be identical. Information on each price tag should match exactly the information for that specific item on your sale form.



IMPORTANT: If you have unsold items, you may wish to donate them to the BGLM. If you don't wish to donate them, items must be removed by 3 p.m., Sunday. *Material that is not picked up by 3 p.m. will be considered a donation.*